

RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

CONFIRMATION COPY

Sir:

The following remarks are submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.112 in response to the Office Action of November 20, 2001.

ClAIMS:

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 10-30 and 32-43 are pending and have been re-examined. The examiner has indicated that claims 1, 2, 4-6, 10-30 and 36-43 are allowed.

REJECTION:

Claims 32-35 have been rejected as anticipated under 35 USC 102(b) by the Suzaki et al British Patent (GB 2 194 487).

This patent was cited by applicant in their Information Disclosure Statement filed with the application. It has been applied in the prosecution of this application in combination under 35 USC 103. This patent and the examiner's comments as applied under 35 USC 102 have been carefully considered. Applicants' believe, however, that claims 32-35 are not anticipated by